

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission Meeting
Nov. 20, 2014 – Town Hall – 8:30 A.M.

Members present:

Howard Orr, Roger Tracy, Gloria Smith, Susan Thorner, Lynda Montefusco

Absent: C. D'Otreppe, B. Banak

Also present: EDC Director Patrick McMahon

Chairman Howard Orr called the meeting of the EDC to order at 8:30 a.m.

Citizen Comment: None

Minutes of the Oct. 23, 2014 meeting - By unanimous vote, the minutes were approved as printed.

Fyfler Place Redevelopment –

CVS is moving forward; all approvals are in place. The Building Official is currently reviewing the CVS plans. The Town is waiting for the STEAP awards to be announced; the Town has applied for \$250,000 for the renovation of Fyfler Place Road so that it can be accepted as a town road.

The Town has also applied for a STEAP grant of \$250,000 for a fiber optics expansion project which will cross Rt. 75 to link the Library, Bridge Street School, Senior Center and the SVAA.

Director's Report

Mr. McMahon noted that the \$800,000 grant for the Suffield Housing Authority will fund upgrades such as repaving driveways, repair of roofs, doors, etc. Jack Muska will serve as Project Manager and bids will go out this winter.

The Bridge Street School ad hoc committee continues to meet and hopes to go to before the Board of Finance in December with plans and funding proposals.

Hilltop Farm received a \$250,000 grant; and currently work is underway for chimney and roof repair. Hilltop received a \$49,900 grant from the Department of Agriculture to renovate a portion of the barn.

The budget season is approaching and we again will request funding for the Farm Preservation/Open Space program. There are two applications that have been approved and are waiting final action from the State. Funding is in order.

Mr. McMahon reported that the Town will hold a tree lighting ceremony and carol sing on the Town green on November 24.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling

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